Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A battery ~~bolt~~ comprising:

at least one battery cell;

a subassembly attached to said cell, said subassembly having a planar surface;

a bolt integral to said subassembly, said bolt comprising a first portion~~;~~ and

a sealing portion, wherein the sealing portion is tapered and wherein said sealing portion contacts said planar surface of said subassembly. ~~assists in substantially sealing a mold during a molding operation~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 1, wherein said first portion comprises a head portion and said ~~battery~~ bolt further comprises a washer portion, wherein said washer portion includes radial projections.

3. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 2, wherein said washer portion is integral with said ~~battery~~ bolt.

4. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 2, wherein said radial projections are semi-circular.

5. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 2, wherein the ratio of the height of the head portion to the thickness of the washer portion is between 1.0 to 3.0.

6. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 5, wherein the ratio of the height of the head portion to the thickness of the washer portion is 1.24.

7. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 1, wherein the battery bolt further comprises a non-threaded portion and a threaded portion, wherein said non-threaded portion is substantially encased in said subassembly~~.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A battery ~~bolt~~ comprising:~~, in order:~~

a battery cell

a subassembly attached to said cell, said subassembly having a planar surface;

a bolt integral to said subassembly, said bolt comprising a head portion; a washer portion; a sealing portion; and a threaded portion, wherein the sealing portion is tapered and wherein said sealing portion ~~assists in substantially sealing a mold during a molding operation~~contacts said planar surface of said subassembly.

9. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 8, wherein said washer portion is integral with said ~~battery~~ bolt.

10. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim, 8 wherein said washer portion contains radial projections.

11. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 10, wherein said radial projections are semi-circular.

12. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 8, wherein the ratio of the height of the head portion to the thickness of the washer portion is between 1.0 to 3.0.

13. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 12, wherein the ratio of the height of the head portion to the thickness of the washer portion is 1.24.

14. (Currently Amended) The battery ~~bolt~~ of claim 8, wherein the ~~battery~~ bolt further comprises a non-threaded portion substantially encased in said subassembly.

15. (Withdrawn) A method of insert molding a battery bolt comprising:

providing a battery bolt having a first portion and a sealing portion, wherein the sealing portion is tapered;

placing said first portion in a mold cavity;

substantially sealing a portion of the mold cavity with said sealing portion; and

injecting lead into said mold cavity to form a lead subassembly, wherein said lead is substantially retained in said mold cavity in part by said sealing portion.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein said first portion is a head portion.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein said first portion is a washer portion.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein said bolt further comprises a threaded portion that is located outside of said mold cavity.

19. (New) The battery of claim1, wherein said subassembly comprises lead.

20. (New) The battery of claim 1, wherein said planar surface is on a top surface of said subassembly and is flat.

21. (New) The battery of claim8, wherein said subassembly comprises lead.

22. (New) The battery of claim 8, wherein said planar surface is on a top surface of said subassembly and is flat.